



"LO A  
VOICE FROM  
HEAVEN"



MATT. 28:19.

# The Church of God Evangel



MARK 16:15

CLEVELAND, TENN.

GOD'S LOVE

THE  
PILLAR

THE  
TRUTH

ABOU BEN ADHEM

**A** BOU BEN ADHEM (may his tribe increase!)  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,  
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,  
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,  
An angel writing in a book of gold:—  
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,  
And to the presence in the room he said,  
"What writest thou?"—The vision raised its head,  
And with a look made of all sweet accord,  
Answered, "The names of those who love the  
Lord."

"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"  
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,  
But cheerily still! and said, "I pray thee, then,  
Write me as one that loves his fellow-men."

The angel wrote, and vanished. The next night  
It came again with a great wakening light,  
And showed the names whom love of God had  
blessed,  
And, lo! Ben Adhem's name led all all the rest.

—Leigh Hunt.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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## Notes from The Editor



We announced last week that we would give one page of the Evangel for testimonials. If these are not made too lengthy it will allow room to better serve those desiring them.

Many notices for the paper arrive here too late to enter the paper, resulting in their being left out. Notices intended for publication should be sent in to reach us not later than Monday.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Last week I announced that for fifty cents down, fifty cents within sixty days and remaining fifty cents within four months from subscription date, we would enter your subscription for one year. This is to accommodate folks desiring the paper during these hard times.

### "GET ACQUAINTED" SUBSCRIPTIONS

Those who have secured a list of "get acquainted" subscriptions should see subscribers and try to secure them as yearly subscribers for which you will be entitled to a valuable premium.

### SPY SYSTEM

The Chattanooga Times under date of April 26 carries headline of article "Epidemic of Spies Menace Europe." Under this caption the writer has gone ahead to tell how thousands of secret agents are busy in France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Russia, Austria, Hungary, Jugoslavia, Rumania and Czechoslovakia. These spies are probing, bribing, betraying, photographing and interrogating work to let their masters at headquarters or those who hired them have the necessary information desired if obtainable, and for which they were sent out. This is evidence of the dreaded suspicion among the nations of the world today. The morning paper states under date of May 1, A grave situation develops over Sunday in the World Disarmament Conference assembled at Geneva. It looks like the peace treaty is about to end in storm. The cause of this trouble lies in the secret of the fact that Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace stands today rejected, without whom there can be no lasting peace. The nations are like so many troubled waters casting up mire and dirt as political powers strive for supremacy over other or neighboring nations.

Below we give a few excerpts as taken from The Dawn, April 15, 1933.

### A CATHEDRAL

Probably for the first time in the history of the world a great Cathedral has been turned into an atheist theatre. Built in the shape of a huge cross, and crowned by an enormous dome 330 feet high, the Cathedral of St. Isaac in Leningrad, finished in 1858 after 39 years of labour at a cost of 2,400,000 pounds, is now a

play house for "the Godless," staging atheist plays.

### MILITANT ATHEISM

Throughout the world 35 anti-religious Universities are training active Atheists. There are 47 Godless organizations in Soviet Russia in direct touch with Godless groups in 39 other countries. In Moscow, atheist books and magazines are printed in 48 languages and distributed throughout the world.

### ROSH

Rosh looms ever larger on the horizon. Dr. Jenkins, sent by the Federal Council of Churches in America, interviewed Stalin, "whose black Oriental eyes," Dr. Jenkins reports, "kindled with fire as he said:—'By 1934 Russia will have a standing army of 17,000,000, also a militia of 5,000,000 men and 3,000,000 women, and we will have the strongest air force of any nation. Yes, by that year our country will be electrified, nationalized and industrialized. By 1934 we will have all the credit and the gold we need: we will have the greatest army and the greatest navy in the world!'"

### YOUTH

Someone has said that the Soviet's studied instilling of Atheism into infant minds is the most wicked thing that has been done on earth since Calvary. A remarkable protest is lodged (in Psychiatrisch-Neurologische Wochenschrift, No. 49) by 83 German neurologists and insanity specialists:—"In the present lamentable struggle of political parties over the schools, attempts are being made, in a folly truly irresponsible, to shake the foundations of Christianity. We, the undersigned insanity and nerve specialists, who have daily opportunities to look into the deep abysses of psychic need and suffering, earnestly warn against allowing the belief in Christ even in the least degree to lapse in the hearts of our youth, since this is the real anchor in the storms of our time. The Christian religion is now and will remain the philosophy, the psychology, the ethic, the socialism. Therein are we psychiatrists and neurologists at one with the greatest and noblest among the spirits whom the German people are proud to name as her sons, and who have taught us to recognize the nature and ends of Christianity in its infinite wisdom, truth, freedom, and strength."

## NOTICES

It has been reported that the Church of God has only ten elders. We do not know why any one would originate an untruth, but certainly this is untrue. For the benefit of all concerned we are giving below the names of the twelve elders of the Church of God: E. J. Boehmer, E. C. Clark, J. W. Culpepper, E. Haynes, R. P. Johnson, T. S. Payne, H. N. Scoggins,

J. A. Self, Zeno C. Tharp, E. W. Williams, S. J. Wood, J. H. Curry, (Col.)

—Editor.

Brother Clarence, a Church of God minister, is conducting a meeting for us in South Memphis. We need some one who can play and sing to help us. If God puts it on your heart to come to Memphis, come. We expect many souls to be won for the Lord at this place.—Stanley Prescott, 10 W. Dempster St., Memphis, Tenn.

You are cordially invited to attend the C. of G. Y. P. E. which will convene at Empire, Ala., May 21. Everybody welcome. Come praying. All churches bring programs.—State Superintendents, Colon Dunn and W. E. Raney, Gen Del., Alabama City, Ala.

We will have conference Saturday night, June 17, and will have all day service the 18th. We expect our district overseer and the saints from Memphis. Do not forget the date, June 17, 18, at Graves Chapel, Tenn., five miles west of Troy, Tenn., on Highway No. 21. We will observe the Lord's Supper and wash the saints' feet Sunday night, the 18th. Everybody is invited. Come praying. If you cannot come, pray anyway.—G. W. Ragin, Rt. 4, Newbern, Tenn.

We would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following: Robert Maxwell, Eva Stepps, Lillie Ratliff, William C. Neal, Cora B. Neal, J. B. Pentecost, Jennie Pentecost. If not heard from by next conference their names will be dropped.—Jake Blake, clerk, Marked Tree, Ark.

To whom it may concern: My address is Box 174, Switchback, W. Va.—Your brother in Christ, R. C. Cook.

The Church of God at Lester, W. Va. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Maggie Stevens, last heard from at Fayetteville, W. Va. If not heard from within the next sixty days her name will be excluded from the church roll.

The Church of God district convention of the Winding Gulf District will convene at Lester, W. Va., May 12-14 inclusive. State Overseer, H. N. Scoggins, in charge.—O. W. Thomas, district overseer.

The Church of God at Ennis, W. Va. is planning on having all day service Mother's Day, May 14th, with dinner on the ground, also communion service that night. We are expecting our district overseer, Brother Scalf, other ministers in the district, and Brother A. L. Jenkins from Princeton to be with us. We extend a hearty welcome to all. Come and bring a well filled basket.—R. C. Cook, pastor.

The Church of God will be broadcasting from WEBQ at Harrisburg, Ill. from 3:30 to 4:00 p. m. each Tuesday and  
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## The Apostasy of The Day

S. W. LATIMER

Gen. Overseer

**M**ANY thinkers of religious truth feel that there is not such a falling away now as some might think. They point out the days of apostasy in the Pergamos and Thyatira periods, 315 to 500 A. D. But in reading the current news, keeping up as best I can with the happenings of the day, we find the deepest of apostasy existing among the professed Christians.

I am quoting from a piece from "Prophecy": The mouthpiece of modernism in America is The Christian Century. Why the word "Christian" is used is more than we can understand. The statements relative to the report of the so-called laymen's investigation of the mission fields, is most enlightening. Permit a few quotations: "The first significance of the laymen's report is that it registers the changed status of modernism in the churches. Up to this date, modernism has been satisfied to accept the organized enterprises of the churches and their established policies without much critical concern. It has not been disposed to disturb these functions by pointing out faults or suggesting improvements. The Liberals were a minority. Besides, they were conscious that their continuing fellowship with their conservative brethren was possible only if they were able to maintain practical cooperation in the accepted organizations of the church. The theological tension between the two schools of thought could be reconciled only by the achievement of Christian fellowship on a practical basis. If this practical basis were disturbed by attempting to reconstruct the general policies of the churches on lines consistent with modern thought, only schism and chaos would result. Therefore, Liberals have, in general, accepted the ecclesiastical status to be able to retain the fellowship of conservatives and thus avoid further division of the body of Christ."

Here is a frank admission that Modernists, whose ministerial oaths pledged them to be true to the orthodox faith, have deliberately remained inside, while rejecting this faith, taking the salaries from thousands who love the Word of God, but were unawares of what was going on, while working under cover to gain control of the machinery.

"But that period of silent and uncritical acquiescence in the status quo has passed, and the laymen's report is the signal that it has passed. Since the transition of Protestantism from the traditions of old-school theology began in the late years of the nineteenth century, this is the first time that modernism has acted explicitly, and upon its own initiative, to effect the reconstruction of any primary function of the Christian church. It has meant only one thing; namely, that modern ideals have so far permeated the thought of the church's effective leadership that uncritical acquiescence in the established routine of church life is no longer morally possible.

"Plainly, modernism is awakening to its responsibility of Christian policy. The two most intimate and cherished aspects of Protestant organization are the denominational systems and the missionary enterprise. With the former, modernism has long been tacitly impatient, but it has as yet made no gesture for reform. With the latter, it has likewise been dissatisfied, but the practical requirements of keeping the fellowship in the bonds of peace have repressed any critical suggestions for reform."

Plain enough! From now on Modernists will not need to disguise themselves. The wolf can throw off the sheep skin, for Modernists are now going after the very foundations—they will seize the machinery and rebuild it to suit themselves. They have come to power.

"A major battle looms on the horizon of Protestant Christianity. It is no accident battle of ideas this time, though it will bring into play the whole of both traditional and modern thought. When you touch the missionary enterprise you touch everything that goes by the name Christian. Is modernism ready to take over so fundamental a function as the long cherished enterprise of Christian missions?"

**APOSTASY HAS COME TO FULL BLOOM IN AMERICA**

Wide publicity has been given to the

report of the appraising commission sent abroad by the institution of Social and Religious Research for the purpose of placing a value upon the work of foreign missions. We take great pleasure in stating right here that the final appraising will be made by God Almighty. These apostate workers will certainly have to give an account for their doctrine of modernism which tends to cool off the entire Christian world. It brings forcibly to our minds that the end of the age is to be marked by a falling away. 2 Thes. 2:3, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first." This falling away will soon be made known by the manifestation of the man of sin.

Here are the words brought back by those sent out: "Christian tactics must change. Christianity has no equal with other religions. Our task is not to save people from eternal outer darkness, but to promote heaven on earth. People are not lost because they are not without Christ. The outlook has already changed and bears directly upon the missionary motive. We can no longer hold that sincere seekers of God in other religions are lost. Our business is to save men from danger of losing the supreme good."

Of course the Modernists assume the position that they have found the supreme good. The conclusion of their report is that there is no ground for a renewed appeal for the support, much less for the enlargement of their missions in their present form and on their present basis. They report that they found missionaries everywhere preaching the old gospel and seeking to save people from hell. We hope that the message from the missionaries will never change. But such work of the Modernists strikes at the very foundation of all soul winning work thru the centuries. It is a blunt denial of the teachings of Jesus Christ, and absolutely sweeps away the missionary motive as defined in all scriptures. It is apostasy in full bloom. It is desertion of the first principle of the gospel.

The fundamental basis of missions is the necessity of regeneration. John 3:5-7. Man, as to his state by nature, can not enter into the presence of God, nor would

he relish it if he could, without this wonderful blessing in his heart. The basis of all soul winning work is the necessity of the atoning death of Christ and His resurrection. Rom. 3:23-25, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God." Eph. 2:3-5; John 2:36. There is but one atonement for sin, Heb. 9:22-28. There is one name by which we can be saved, Acts 4:12. There is one foundation for eternal life, 1 Cor. 3:11. There is one entrance for God's fold, John 10:1. There is one gospel, Gal. 1:8, 9.

Christianity is a message of salvation for those eternally lost and that salvation depends upon the work of Christ as sufficient, final and dispensable. Where this is believed there is a real motive for soul winning activities. Those who do not believe it are not Christ's at all.

The world today is in confusion. Thousands of men of brain and talent have failed to go on and receive the fullness of the blessing. They are doping their congregations and blinding the minds and hearts of thousands and I am afraid these professors know nothing of a real experience with Jesus. They are fighting the way of truth and hindering the progress of the Spirit to prepare for the immaculate Son of God a Bride and a people ready for the rapture. It hurts me to see some of the holiness ministers who are letting down just a little on the real truth. Their congregations may be increasing but I am afraid the spiritual depth and love for truth is waning. God, help us to wake up and not allow the enemy to come in like a flood. Eph. 8:13, "Having done all to stand, stand therefore."

We read a little story of Sherman's march thru the South. It is said that one wing of his army had encamped near Altoona, Ga. The army of General Hood got by the right flank of Sherman's forces and havoc was being wrought by the supplies shipped in by the railroad. Sherman sent a defence to drive back the invaders. They came to a clash in Altoona Pass where great stores of supplies were kept by Sherman's forces. It looked as tho' Sherman's forces were going to be driven out. Just at this time a sentinel looked away and saw a flag flying. Saluting this approaching company the first officer yelled, "Hold the fort for I am coming." It makes us think of that good old song,

"Hold the fort for I am coming,

Jesus signals still;

Wave the answer back to heaven,

By thy grace we will."

What a challenge to Christian soldiers today, while the armies of hell are attacking Christianity. The Modernists, infidels, and Atheists and their increasing forces are upon us, but we believe that Jesus will come and put an end to such apostasy and rescue and forever se-

cure those who are faithful to Him. Those who give up and are overcome are destined for eternal punishment and woe and there is no hope for their eternal bliss. Joel says, "The day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand, a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds," Joel 2:1, 2. Why does the Bible speak like this? Is it to make us feel miserable and gloomy? No, God forbid. We should never think like that. All of these things are told us that we may be prepared for these very conditions and that we may be found ready to go in the rapture. Immediately the doors open to us. The dark overhanging clouds are getting closer and closer. Our soon-to-be-revealed Deliverer, I am sure, is watching. Soon He is to stretch forth His hand to heal, to soothe, and to deliver.

#### THE OPENING OF THE DEAD SEA

The Dead Sea seems to be the treasure trophy of Palestine. It seems that companies have been formed and preparation made to take from this sea its chemical values. This means a rich and valuable product that will aid the Jews in the reconstruction of Jerusalem. There is quite a speculation on the reason for this Dead Sea but we do not feel that they have scriptural texts for their theory. Many believe that what is known now as the Dead Sea was once a crater of a volcano in the days of Abraham and the destruction of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah was largely contributed by science to the explosion of this volcano, but the Bible tells us that God rained fire and brimstone on these wicked cities and we know that God's Word is true.

We give some approximate values that chemists claim are in the Dead Sea: 1,300,000,000 tons of potash valued at \$70,000,000,000; 853,000,000 tons of bromine worth \$260,000,000,000; 11,900,000 tons of salt worth \$27,500,000,000; 81,000,000 tons of gypsum worth \$120,000,000; 6,000,000,000 tons of calcium chloride worth \$85,000,000,000; 22,000,000,000 tons of magnesium chloride worth \$825,000,000,000.

The development and increase of power is rapidly going forward in this wonderful land. In order to extract the values from these waters they have let to Rutenberg of Palestine the contract to erect on the river Jordan a dam for power and irrigation. He is putting up a series of dams which will be the fulfillment of a prophetic vision. Below Lake Tiberias, the Jordan tumbles. Rutenberg has already captured the impact of this fall and transformed it into the white coal that drives motors and lights homes. Some think that this is a fulfillment of some of Ezekiel's prophecy, nevertheless it is a fulfillment of God's plan and purpose concerning His people.

#### RADIUM IN THE WELLS OF HAMATH

"I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings," Ezek. 36:11. This may have reference to this very thing. It has long been known that the mineral products of the Dead Sea, now being exploited, are estimated at the amazing figures of

twelve hundred billions of dollars. And now, added to all this, comes the announcement by American experts, that in the Palestinian waters radium has been discovered. This has been found by chemical analysis, in the wells of Hamath, and adds to the great wealth of this prosperous land to which God's people are returning.

As we watch the forces of evil as they increase, and see the trend of the masses as they turn toward the spirit and influence of these evils, it makes us want to nestle closer to God. There are many reports coming in from across the sea telling us of the workings of the enemy, and it does not stop in foreign lands, it has reached the shores of our beautiful America.

Recently the police of New York made a raid after rumors of what is known as The Nude Society, finding many well educated and wealthy people in this hall nude. They were arrested and taken before the court and they put up the plea that they were worshipping in their own building and behind closed doors, and were released. "The wicked shall do wickedly," says Dan. 10. Truly the human race is sick. The cause of its malady is described in Isa. 5:24. This all depicts the complete revolt against the God of our salvation, not in one land but in all the lands. The reason for this is the world has turned its back on the Word of God. We are told by good authority that there are twenty-two places of worship in France where they worship the devil. I read a description of one of these services that was too ridiculous to mention. They asked the devil to take charge of them, and the hideous screams and the violent rages of these worshipers are something awful. They have a monument now in Russia of Judas Iscariot who betrayed the Son of God. Then tell me that the world is getting better! I tell you it is time for us to turn to the Lord with all our hearts. May God help the people. If we will only hold the fort for a few more days or months I am sure we will be greatly rewarded for our faithful service here.

#### VICTORY WON IN JESUS' NAME

We thank and praise God for victory in Lancaster, Ohio. God has been working wonderfully here. We just closed a revival here with Brother Bruce Reid of Cleveland, Ohio in charge. There were eight saved, three sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise God.

There was a large delegation from the Columbus church with us several nights including our state overseer, Brother Haynes, and his wife. Brother Reid surely did preach some soul thrilling sermons under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The power fell almost every night, especially the closing night. There were nine shouting and dancing under the power at once. The blessings fell in torrents. Please pray for me and the work here that we may always stand true and firm for God.—Your humble brother in Christ, David Smith, pastor, Rt. 8.



# A Cry of Warning

By MRS. MARY WEAGRAFF

Text: Matt. 24:37, 38, 39

**B**UT as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

These words were brought very forcibly to my mind while on a sea voyage en-route to a foreign missionary field. I had passed numerous times back and forth thru the passage leading from the deck to our berth and had read the notices near each of the alarms that were placed at intervals along the passage. One day to my surprise I heard the alarm bell ringing. The few passengers that happened to be in that part of the ship did not seem to heed the alarm and I thought that perhaps I was mistaken. So I went near to make sure that it was the alarm and sure enough it was unceasingly ringing. Again I thought, Maybe I haven't read the warning aright so I reread its instructions saying, "Upon hearing this alarm proceed immediately to the deck. It is a warning of danger." Still none seemed alarmed. I wondered, as it was my first experience of that kind, if I was not unduly alarmed. Surely the more experienced travellers would be rushing to the deck if it was necessary. As I was meditating thus the steward passed by and somewhat impatiently told me to take my children and go on deck immediately, which caused me to know assuredly that the warnings meant just what they said.

On my way to the deck I passed several groups of people. First I passed a lady who was anxiously inquiring what the trouble was of an officer who laughingly told her the ship was soon going down. He knew of the danger but perhaps did not want to cause too much alarm for fear of a panic. A company of workmen who congregated in a certain place stood with hose in their hands ready at an instant's notice to help. We then passed into the lobby next to the deck where refreshments were being served and the card tables were filled with players amusing themselves. While there we heard signals for help sent from the ship. Some navy boys that knew the signals paused in their game, remarked about the danger and continued playing waiting for the last signal to be given because they were in just a few steps of the deck and naught to care for but their own welfare. I noticed a ship travelling near us slack her speed as we went on deck and saw the sailors adorned in life preservers standing by the life boats ready for the notice to lower them. Sitting near was a lady passenger of whom I asked what the trouble was with the

ship. "What trouble?" she asked, "I did not know there was any trouble," altho' she said she was just wondering why the sailors were at the life boats. The whistle was blowing, the signals and the other ship as well as ours was stopping. "My husband," she exclaimed, "is in his berth asleep," and she hastened away to awake him. Soon after she went, a signal of security was sounded and the ship went on. The trouble, I learned, was a broken steam pipe in the engine room that would soon have caused an explosion, which would have caused the disaster but had been overcome. I tho't, Had it been otherwise and the ship had sunk how would each passenger have fared? and I was caused to think of the great event just ahead, "The coming of the Son of man," which event all the cunning workmen and wise men of the universe cannot prevent, and how will it come upon the inhabitants of the earth?

God's Word like the notice in the passage is given plainly, the signs of the times are ringing the alarm, yet people are going on as did the Pharisees whom Jesus rebuked, saying, "Thou hypocrite, ye discern the face of the sky but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

Altho' millions of copies of the Bible are abroad in the universe and are read daily, yet the mind of mankind at large still wavers, wondering if they understand it aright or if what it says is really true. Its warning messages should cause all who read it to call upon God and prepare against the day of God's wrath upon an ungodly world, yet the masses pass it by seemingly bewildered, alarmed to some extent but cannot fully comprehend the necessity of its messages until one of God's stewards (one in the authority of the Holy Spirit) declares that it is true, for no man can gainsay nor resist the authority of God, just as all doubt was removed from my mind by the steward of the ship, because he was in authority. Stewards are those placed in authority as chief overseers or managers of a household or business in behalf of the master or owner.

As the Master of the household of faith was going away He took His chosen ones out to Mount Olivet and told them they were to be witnesses after He was gone away. "But first tarry ye in Jerusalem till ye be endued with power from on high," power to continue the ministry that He had begun and had spoken of, saying, Luke 4:18, 19, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Jesus having finished His work, which was to offer His body a sacrificial ransom for man, exclaimed from the cross,

"It is finished," but the work of the Holy Spirit of which He had said, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work," without Him I can do nothing," that ministry that was performed by the working of the Holy Ghost was ordained to be continued after His departure by those who would receive the same Spirit which should endue them with power giving them authority which should make them stewards of the household of faith, unto whom Jesus had said, "Greater works than these shall ye do, because I go to the Father."

Beginning with the day of Pentecost, which marked the setting forth of the Church, we read of the mighty signs and wonders attending the ministry which continued as long as the full gospel was preached. But by and by clouds of persecution and coldness settled down upon the Church and God's stewards proved unfaithful in declaring the whole counsel of God. Finally, under the Roman emperor, Constantine, the Church and idolaters compromised and became one religion from which idolatry the church has not been able to fully free herself, unable because of blindness, and the stewards of the Word have not yet declared the counsel of God sufficiently to bring out a perfect Church, while people sit and wonder why we don't see the same signs and wonders following the believers just as they did in the beginning as God's eternal Word declares that they shall. Brethren, when all idolatrous practices are purged from the Church of God and we are once more back on the same firm basis as in the beginning, we will see the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead raised up and the poor have the Gospel preached to them and the Lord will return for a perfected Church.

What a sacred responsibility have those unto whom God has given the ministry of prophecy which is declared in the Word to be the greatest gift of the Spirit, whom the Holy Ghost has made overseers to feed the Church of God that He hath purchased with His own blood! Unto those chosen to bear the Word is given to know the mysteries of the Word and a stern requirement of declaring it, for until every part of the doctrine is emphasized in our teaching and lived in our lives, we will struggle along in imperfection. For example, most of us have at some time or another taken up what we thought to be a choice apple or orange only to be disappointed when we found the opposite side to be undeveloped or dwarfed. We may enjoy eating the good part of it and receive excellent nourishment from it but an inspector would turn it down on the ground of imperfection. Brethren, let's not let the Church of God be turned down by the great Judge of heaven because of being dwarfed in any line. Surely most of us must be alarmed to some extent at the marked signs of undevelopment along the line of foreign missions and divine healing, both of which are in our doctrine but God's stewards are failing to declare these truths strongly enough to bring out the results

that God has designed in His Word.

There are many good things and stern requirements of a steward that might be mentioned but space doesn't permit, however, let those that are called to be stewards of the Word not fail to be faithful, as watchmen on the wall, to sound the warning of the approach of danger, that no man's blood will be required at thy hand at the return of the Master from whom ye received your stewardship.

The next person I encountered was the officer of inferior rank to the steward. Having knowledge of the trouble, he did not deny it to the anxious inquirer but for fear of causing too much alarm or a rushing for preparation he pretended to treat the matter lightly. We find many such people today. People who know the terror of the Lord, feel the pangs of conviction, yet they will not yield to God but try to laughingly pass it by, try to ease that still uneasy conscience, pointing perhaps to some hypocrite in the Church. Some folks will actually pay tithes or other sums of money trying to quiet that ever prompting conviction that they should come out wholly and boldly on the Lord's side by making restitution for wrongs and yielding unreservedly unto God.

Some preachers having made a study of God's Word and know the danger will not sound the note of warning to his congregation, thinking to give them flowery sermons, trying to keep them pleased and pleasant down in the passage way of a doomed world instead of rushing them to the deck of safety where the life boat is waiting prepared especially for them, just as every one on board the ship had a seat in a life boat numbered according to the number of his berth, and should one have gone to any other boat he would have been refused an entrance unless in the last moment that passenger for whom it was prepared was not there.

Beloved, God has an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, prepared for you and warns you to be careful lest another gain thy crown. He who fails to be among the first that arises to meet the Lord in the air stands only a chance of being snatched from the fierce waves of the tribulation, otherwise he will sink beneath them to eternal woe.

Another group that attracted my attention was the navy boys. Perhaps they had spent years at sea and knew well the signals of danger. They were within just a few steps of the deck and kept playing their game waiting for the last signal. How many precious souls are lingering, trifling as it were with the last preparations like the foolish virgins already cleansed by the blood of the Lamb as pure as the wise virgins, just waiting and expecting the Bridegroom. No ties of the world still bind them but just a little ease to self, failing to be entirely yielded to the Holy Spirit. Waiting even until the last signal is sounded. Behold! the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him. Just one last preparation, did they think? but alas; their lights were going out. Brothers and sisters, ye that have once had your vessels filled with

the Holy Ghost, are you filled now or have you thru neglect lost the Spirit of God? Be careful lest ere you are again filled with the Holy Ghost the Bridegroom will have come and the door shut as the dark night of the tribulation settles upon the world.

At last on deck I asked the lady seated near me what the trouble was and I was surprised that she didn't know of it. Spiritually speaking, don't we often find just such people? Those seeming in the best places of comfort and ease know little of the tragedies of the day or the events soon to follow. Like her, they are caused to wonder at the signs of the times that are daily being presented and altho' they are sincere in heart, yet no one has declared to them the real situation. She might easily have entered the life boat herself but was willing to risk the danger to go and awake her sleeping husband. I wonder how many of us are willing to sacrifice our time and life, if it needs be, to rescue precious souls? Loved ones, friends and strangers are asleep in their beds of ease, lulled by the spirit of the world, not knowing as they slumber on that there is danger, even now at hand. Perhaps in a few short hours or days the dark waters of the tribulation or of eternal destruction will rush in unawares upon them. None other knows just where our loved ones are, just how to reach them as we do. We know their weaknesses and failures, perhaps just what to pray for in their behalf, how to win them for Christ, besides the God-given love that constrains us. What a sacred task the Lord has trusted unto us, to travail in prayer and win our loved ones, our neighbors and friends around about us! We often wonder in pity if they have some one to pray for them. Some mother's wandering boy or girl needs our earnest prayer and interest lest they be lost, perhaps while their loved ones that used to pray are asleep beneath the sod. And oh! another sound seems ringing in our ears, the cry of millions of heathens. Many have never heard that there be a God of love and mercy.

The Apostle Paul declared, Rom. 10:3-15, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" God in His wisdom has given every one a part to do in His great plan of spreading the Gospel.

Go, send or pray! Which has God given to you to do? Let us rally to the command of our Captain. Time is swiftly passing. These days are as the days of Noe were. The sins of Sodom are swaying the masses. Satan is fulfilling the prophecy allotted to him. The world too is doing her part to let us know that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh; but is the Church of God responding faithfully by fulfilling her part of prophecy? King David upon one occasion waited beyond Jordan after all Israel except Judah had

besought him to return to his throne, and sent the message to the tribe of his nearest kin asking, "Why are ye the last to bring back the king?" Beyond the portals of the skies our King awaits and seemingly we hear wafted upon the wings of the Spirit, "Why are ye the last to bring back the King?"

I wonder how many of us are willing to follow our Lord's command in their behalf? How many are willing to give up loved ones, homes and lands and face the dangers and hardships of the foreign battlefields where the strongholds of the enemy are encamped, and rescue precious, never dying souls from the awful darkness of Catholicism, Buddhism, Mohammedism fear, superstition, and every other device of Satan? Is it absurd to think that the Church of God should have a witness in every nation of the universe? No! The Church of God is large enough to fill our Lord's command if we launch out in faith and say it shall be done. Let us individually and collectively do our best to enlarge our activities along this line lest we be a failure. If we fail can we conscientiously face the heathen at the judgment? Or the compassionate Savior who loved and gave His life, His all to save us and them, whose last expressed thought was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"? St. Matt. 24:14, "And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come."

## Y. P. E. A LIVE WIRE FOR GOD

I praise the Lord tonight for victory in my soul. I am so thankful for the time God saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and in the meantime He put a go ye in my soul that has been there ever since. I am really glad that I am a member of the Church of God and I love it with all my heart.

I praise the Lord for the revival that closed recently. Brother Max Atkins from Barnardsville came to hold us a revival in behalf of our Y. P. E. He surely is a wonderful young preacher. He opened fire on the enemy the twenty-sixth of February and closed it the fifteenth of March. There were fifteen saved, seven sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, two reclaimed and the saints were revived.

On the second Sunday night in March the Holy Ghost came down and gave out a message in tongues thru one of the sisters. Of course this stirred the devil and he is roaring yet. Our Y. P. E. is a live wire for God and they surely are working. I believe we have the best bunch of Y. P. E. workers at the Biltmore church that can be found anywhere. They don't try to shirk but are willing to try anything you ask them to do. We are expecting to be in another revival by the time this will reach the Evangel so every one please pray for our success, also pray for our Y. P. E.—President of Y. P. E., Mary Lytle, Asheville, N. C.

# Whiskey A Curse to Man

By GEO. P. PARISH

**W**HISKEY is not only a curse to man but it is a burden to our nation at large and all who have ever drunk it know it will wreck their lives and bring them to ruin and shame. I used to drink it myself and know its evil effects and know what it would have done for me if I had continued to drink it. That's why I am so opposed to whiskey and why I hate so badly to see my fellowman drink it.

Every man and woman who drinks whiskey ought to stop for a moment and consider the harm that it is doing and purpose in their heart that they will, regardless of the craving appetite and desire for it, tear loose from the habit and never touch it again and warn others against its use. We all know that it is a dangerous thing to tamper with. It will bring a man to shame and disgrace and it's strange why men will go on and continue the use of it when they know its evil effects and know what a burden it is to the country at large and what it causes men to do.

In spite of all that can be done there are people by the millions who are bound with the whiskey habit. It is causing serious trouble every day in so many ways. It's a burden to the Church, a burden to government, a burden to society, a burden to traffic, a burden socially and politically, a burden to public work, a burden to homes. It causes men to commit suicide, murder each other, even their best friends. It causes men to rob their families of the pleasures and necessities of life. It causes heartaches, worry and sleepless nights in men's homes. It causes families to be cursed, abused, mistreated and killed. It causes men and women to separate and live untrue to each other. It causes men to lose love and respect for their families. It causes men and women to come to disgrace and shame. It causes wrecks, cripples and lives lost on the public highways. It causes idiots, cripples, deformed and paralyzed children to be born into the world. It causes men to serve their lives in asylums and penitentiaries. It causes thousands of girls to be led astray and disgraced for life by low down, dirty drunkards. It causes men to lose their moral, manly and godly principles and character and brings them to ruin and shame. It causes men to be dishonest and untruthful. It causes thousands of dollars to be paid out each year in lawsuits and taxes. It causes men to swear to lies to clear drunkards and bootleggers. It causes officers of the law to fail to discharge their duties. It causes children to be raised up to be drunkards and bootleggers. It causes insanity, paralysis, high blood pressure, whiskey heart and heart failures. It causes men to lose their will power and gentlemanly principles. It

causes men to come to poverty, shame and disgrace. It causes men to lie and steal and gamble and throw away their money foolishly. It causes men to fail to pay their store accounts and other obligations. It causes ungodly principles of Satan to rise up in man and make him do things he would not think of doing when sober. And worst of all, it causes men to put off, neglect salvation, lose their souls and go down to hell where there is misery and woe and where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched. I am going to give a few Scriptures from the writers of the Bible and see what they have to say about strong drink.

Isa. 5:11, 22, "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink." Rom. 13:13, "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying." Eph. 5:18, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Gen. 49:12, "His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk." Prov. 23:20, 21, 29, 30, 31, 32, "Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babblings? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Prov. 20:1, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." There is a woe pronounced upon the drunkard.

In conclusion I will say that we who have ever drunk whiskey are conscious of the fact that it is an evil, useless and expensive habit and is injurious to the human system. It will cause men to do things while under its influence they would not think of doing when sober. Every person has an influence either for good or bad, therefore we should consider our influence and be sure and try to use it for right. Some will give men whiskey and claim to be their friends but they are not their friends, they are their bitterest enemies. The man that will try to get you to quit drinking and leave it alone is your friend because he loves you and wants to see you do right. Some men think because a man is using his influ-

ence against and fighting sin that he is their enemy and have it in for him but he is not, he is their best friend.

Now I don't know, except for this reason, why men will go on drinking whiskey knowing its evil effects and know it is injurious to the health and know how it is wrecking men's lives and causing trouble every day in so many ways, only that it is the devil's tool which he uses thru men to carry on his dirty work to the destruction of the souls of men. Suppose a man should influence some one to take a drink of whiskey who had never drunk before and that person would make a drunkard and would influence some one else to drink and it would pass on from one to another for years and years. Just look how many thousand drunkards there would be from one drink of whiskey and from the bad influence of one man. Therefore, by one man's influence to start with, by the devil working thru him with whiskey, has caused thousands of souls to be destroyed and brought to misery and woe, by the seed that was sown with one drink of whiskey. Therefore, we should be very careful how we use our influence. Don't you know it will be awful to the man when he faces eternity, who gave the first drink of whiskey, with thousands of relatives and friends coming to him pointing their bony fingers in his face and saying, "You are the cause of us being here. The drink of whiskey you gave to that poor innocent boy who had never taken a drink of whiskey before is the cause of us all being here in this terrible place of torment where we will be tormented forever and forever with no way of escape."

Every one who reads this piece and is not bound with the whiskey habit, for your influence's sake, for your own sake, for your wife's sake and family's sake, don't ever take up the whiskey habit. Don't even touch it, it is a deadly evil and will ruin and wreck your life for ever. And you who are in the habit of drinking, let me persuade you to tear loose from it and be a man. In the place of being a curse and a burden to your country, let your life and influence be a blessing to everybody.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

We are now offering a ministers' handbook bearing the title of "Practical Handbook." It contains thirty-six chapters, one of which was written by S. W. Latimer, General Overseer, on "How to Conduct a Conference." The remaining portion of the book which was written by E. C. Clark, Editor and Publisher, contains a variety of badly needed helps for ministers, such as "Marriage Ceremonies," "Funeral Readings," and covering generally, many intricate problems that pastors and ministers are from time to time called upon to face. It has 176 pages, is bound in genuine leather, and stamped in pure gold. It will last a life-time, but is priced extremely low at \$1.25. Order of Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn.





## In Foreign Fields



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### WONDERFUL RESULTS IN LAST TEN MONTHS

SENATE, SASK., Can.—Praise the Lord for the good reports of victory from the many places. We wish to say that God is still blessing here in Canada. Twenty souls have been saved and twenty-six sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost at Consul and Robsart during the last ten months. Thank the Lord!

Brother and Sister Milton Sanberg have had the pastorate since a short time after the North Dakota convention. They have worked faithfully for His cause. We pray that God will continue to bless their labors. The prayer services in the homes have been great times of blessing to many. There have been messages of comfort and of warning and of Jesus' soon coming, given and interpreted by the Holy Ghost. The young people's work has grown and there is a good orchestra, and junior and senior choirs. We had a well attended Easter service in the Consul hall, as the church is not large enough to hold a "special day" crowd.

Oh! we pray that God will send more consecrated workers into this vast field of labor. We are now called by God to go out and work in new fields in Canada. Please pray for us to obey at all times.—Your brother and sister in Christ, Charlie and Ferne Soderberg.

### AN EFFORT TO HELP MISSIONS

GLENCOE, Ala.—I am thanking God for old time religion. It makes you love everybody and makes you want to work for the Lord. I received the Holy Ghost eighteen months ago and I am glad He still abides this morning. At the beginning of the new year I made a resolution to set aside my Sunday eggs for the mission work. The first Sunday in January I didn't get any eggs but the next Sunday I got three and I began saving them. I sold the first dozen for twenty-five cents but the price began to fall. I just kept saving them and in three months it has amounted to \$1.20. I know that is not much but if every family would do that we could help the mission workers and it would not be so hard on them. We would feel better and God would bless us for our little efforts. I have just a small flock of chickens. I mean to be true to the end of the way and do what I can to help lost people find Jesus. My husband and I are members of the Church of God. We love the dear old Bible. Please pray for us.—A sister, Mrs. G. W. Ford.

### Lost Opportunities

So oftentimes it is said that "opportunity knocks but once." Whether this is true in all cases or not remains for the future to decide. However, in many cases it has proven true. Many business deals have been lost because men would not act in time and some one else obtained their opportunity. The same is true in obtaining salvation. God calls and men refuse to their own loss, and oftentimes it is heard from the lips of some dying man or woman, "Oh, if I had only given my heart to God." And so runs a long story of the invitation that opportunities give.

There is a duty before us, an opportunity of great importance, and it is that of the mission field. There are many hungry, dying heathens who would willingly and eagerly devour the spiritual contents of a missionary effort or address. But since the heathens who are awaiting this message are hurriedly passing from this life, and those who have such an opportunity to help them are likewise rapidly passing off the stage of action, it remains, therefore, if we are to benefit by our opportunities to help them, it must be done during the lifetime of those unsaved heathens who exist during that period of Christian activity that God has set before us. To refuse or neglect to help them by giving to the mission cause will result in the treasure that could have been provided in heaven being missed both as a working fund for God here and as a reward of the saint of God in heaven.

### OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

With opportunity comes responsibility. The opportunity of giving to missions presents itself unto the Church, involving responsibility upon both it and its leader. It becomes the duty of the pastor to encourage his people to give to missions, and it equally becomes their duty therefore to give. We may not turn a deaf ear to the cry for help for the needs of missionaries on the field and the unsaved ones unto whom he is called to minister, without letting one of the greatest opportunities to provide for necessary heavenly treasure and glory, that will be everlasting, go by. So oftentimes it happens that on the dying bed of some one passing out of this life you hear the story, "If God only lets me get well I will go preach or I would just like to be a missionary," and so runs a long, sad story of lost opportunities. It seems that consciences are not thoroughly awakened to their losses until confronted by death. Yet the Holy Spirit has so touched the hearts of God's people and impressed them of their duties and responsibilities to give to the mission cause, but "you

would not." Therefore, it remains that when facing the catastrophe of death there comes with it a reflection of the judgment of God that looks back on past failures and lost opportunities.

### WE CAN AVERT

There are none of God's children who have been called upon to go out of this life empty-handed in order to face death in a condition of loss. It can therefore be averted if we redeem the time. We may at the end of this life rejoice over good deeds done, and among all the opportunities that present themselves for Christian activity and before the Church, there is not one of greater importance or that will yield a greater dividend than that of giving and supporting generally the mission cause.

### NEGLECTED

There is no class of church work that has been more sadly neglected than that of the missionary field. Let us rally, therefore, to the aid of the missionaries and missionary activity and increase our effort, which will increase the mission funds. Increasing the mission funds means more missionaries sent, more souls saved, more rejoicing on our part, and greater reward in heaven.

### WORK MOVING ALONG

LETCHER, Ala.—We, the church here at Letcher, Ala., are truly glad for victory we can report just now. I am really glad for salvation this morning and the great Church of God of which I am a member.

We have about fifty members. All seem to be doing their best. We have preaching two Sundays each month and cottage prayer meeting every Wednesday night. We haven't a church building at this place yet but we have almost enough money to start a building which we thank the Lord for. We thank the dear Lord for our pastor, Brother W. H. Preston, and wife, whom we dearly love and are trying to show our appreciation by our loyalty to them. We need not say we love our pastor and then just sit down on the stool of do-nothing but we ought to realize that a pastor has a great responsibility on him and we ought to do our very best in helping him all we can. We also thank the Lord for our former pastor, Brother J. F. Wilkins, who has promised to help us all he can this year. Oh, there is much to praise the Lord for. He is such a wonderful Savior.

I want to say the Lord is still healing here. I ask all who read this to pray for me and mine that we will ever stay under the blood. We have been in this wonderful way of holiness for about three and one-half years and are not a bit tired of the way but it just grows sweeter every day. I feel like we are just nearing our long sought home. Oh, hallelujah! We mean to go all the way.

If our district pastor sees this we would like for you to visit us and see how our work is moving along. Everybody who reads this please pray for our work here and pray that we may have a church building to worship in.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Elmer Harding.



## ORPHANAGE REPORT

APRIL, 1933

### CASH

S. S. Jacksonville, Fla. \$25.00; S. S. Bancroft Tab., Tenn. \$1.32; Church, Oak Grove, Ky. 38c; Mrs. Homer Blevins, Coffeyville, Kan. \$1.17; S. S. Epworth, N. Dak. \$6.43; S. S. Crown Hill, W. Va. \$1.64; S. S. Harlan, Ky. \$5.30; Harlan Dist. Convention, Ky. \$5.50; S. S. Salem, Va. \$2.12; S. S. Jasper, Fla. \$1.39; S. S. Paris, Mich. \$2.19; S. S. Carson Springs, Tenn. 28c; S. S. Lignite, N. Dak. \$3.00; S. S. E. Chattanooga, Tenn. \$3.39; S. S. Carrier Mills, Ill. \$1.48; S. S. Largo, Fla. \$2.15; Chas. E. Pierce, W. Buxton, Me. 59c; Dottie Lyons, Clearwater, Fla. \$11.12; S. S. Orlando, Fla. \$4.27; A. A. Scoggins, Urbana, Ill. \$10.80; S. S. New Bethlehem, Pa. 41c; S. S. Labelle, Fla. \$3.68; Marvin Craft Anniston, Ala. \$1.34; S. S. Thomaston, Ga. \$5.00; S. S. Tala-dega, Ala. 21c; S. S. Edinburg, Tex. 33c; S. S. Charleston, S.C. \$3.26; S. S. Smithers, W. Va. 50c; S. S. Pittsburgh, Kans. \$4.71; S. S. Cairo, Ga. 17c; S. S. Collinsville, Ill. 60c; S. S. Coffeyville, Kans. \$1.31; S. S. Riviera, Fla. 60c; S. S. Sebewa, Mich. \$1.01; S. S. Bowling Green, Fla. 69c; S. S. Franklin, Ohio, 94c; S. S. Knoxville, Tenn. \$3.75; S. S. Erwin, Tenn. 31c; S. S. Somerset, Pa. \$1.78; S. S. Dillon, S. C. 57c; S. S. Lexington, N. C. 24c; S. S. Dalton, Ga. 21c; S. S. Lake Wales, Fla. \$1.77; S. S. Kinsers Tab., Tenn. 80c; S. S. Columbia, S. C. \$2.00; S. S. Ft. Mill, S. C. \$2.26; S. S. Crane Eater, Ga. 35c; S. S. Garrison, W. Va. \$2.94; S. S. Boswell, Pa. 86c; S. S. Lowe, W. Va. 10c; S. S. Seneca, S. C. 80c; S. S. LaFrance, S. C. 01c; S. S. Bon Air, Tenn. \$1.04; S. S. Marked Tree, Ark. 48c; S. S. Walhalla, S. C. 38c; S. S. Zellwood, Fla. \$1.23; S. S. Ft. Myers, Fla. \$1.30; S. S. Herons Chapel, Tenn. 09c; S. S. Vicksburg, Mo. \$1.63; S. S. Linden, Fla. \$1.38; S. S. Anderson, S. C. \$1.46; S. S. Valdes, N. C. \$1.07; S. S. Mooresville, N. C. \$3.22; S. S. Ft. Meade, Fla. 43c; S. S. Lannius, Tex. 05c; S. S. Bennedale, Miss. 97c; S. S. Montgomery, Ala. 58c; S. S. Black Oak, Tenn. \$1.39; S. S. Easton, Md. \$2.24; S. S. Markleysburg, Pa. \$5.00; S. S. W. St. Louis, Mo. \$1.31; S. S. Cincinnati, Ohio, \$5.00; S. S. Freedom, Tex. 61c; S. S. Parkwood, Ala. 06c; S. S. Huntington, W. Va. \$2.51; S. S. Summiton, Ala. 15c; S. S. Plaza, N. Dak. \$5.31; S. S. McMinnville, Tenn. \$6.00; S. S. Lavonia, Ga. 24c; S. S. Thorn, Miss. 41c; S. S. Hartwell, Ga. 59c; S. S. Bogalusa, La. 23c; S. S. Branford, Fla. 66c; S. S. Gainesville, Fla. 10c; S. S. Gaffney, S. C. 85c; S. S. Honea Path, S. C. 95c; S. S. Unicol, Tenn. 81c; S. S. Beckley, W. Va. \$3.64; S. S. Columbus, Ga. 41c; S. S. Williamsburg, Pa. 88c; S. S. Harrisburg, Ill. \$1.78; S. S. Frost Proof, Fla. \$1.00; S. S. Lancaster, Ohio, \$4.40; S. S. Anawalt, W. Va. \$1.48; S. S. Union Grove, Ga. \$1.75; S. S. Grand Ledge, Mich. \$1.26; S. S. Moorehead, Miss. 50c; S. S. Cantwell, Mo. \$6.47; S. S. Joplin,

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dosta, Ga. 11c; S. S. Louisville, Ky. \$5.28; S. S. Savannah Branch, La. 07c; S. S. W. Helena, Ark. 60c; S. S. Shepherd Fold, La. \$1.62; S. S. Maude, Okla. 74c; S. S. Turnertown, Tex. 55c; S. S. Big Springs, Tex. 40c; S. S. Macon, Ga. \$1.34; S. S. Graham, Tex. 35c; S. S. Key West, Fla. \$3.07; S. S. Elizabethton, Tenn. \$3.39; S. S. Salisbury, Md. \$2.18; S. S. Atlanta, Ga. \$15.00; S. S. Ft. Pierce, Fla. \$5.70; S. S. Lynch, Ky. 70c; Church, Norristown, Pa. 55c; S. S. Pulaski, Va. \$1.65; S. S. Lewistown, Mont. \$4.38; S. S. Hubbell, W. Va. \$2.03; S. S. Bedico, La. 26c; Church, Gasparilla, Fla. \$1.40; S. S. Sarasota, Fla. \$3.00; S. S. Wytheville, Va. 8c; S. S. Wayne, Ind. 43c; S. S. Juanita, Pa. 69c; S. S. Harrisburg, Pa. 85c; S. S. Mineral Wells, Tex. 59c; S. S. Pine Grove, W. Va. \$1.88; S. S. Ecclea, W. Va. 77c; S. S. Richmond, P.E.I., Can. \$2.00; S. S. Marietta, Ga. \$1.67.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Church, Mars Hill, Miss., 1 quilt; Women's Sewing Club, Bessemer, Ala. 2 quilts, 1 coat (worn); Mrs. Florence Stusm, Statesboro, Ga., 1 quilt Top; Mrs. Ducie Linton and the Y. P. E., Shelburn, Ind. 1 quilt; Mrs. Ruth Durgin, Chickamauga, Ga., 8 shirts; church, Reading, Pa., 12 princess slips, 18 dresses, 1 boy's blouse, 1 pr. garters.

### SINGING HIS PRAISE

AKRON, Ohio.—I'm really praising God tonight for His wonderful working power. Brother Troy Messer has just closed a six weeks' revival here and it is just wonderful how the Lord has been working in our midst. The Lord blessed every night. There were sixty-four saved, a number sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, praise His sweet name, and thirty-four were added to the church. The altar was full of hungry seekers every night. The whole house looked as if every one was under conviction and hungry for God.

The Lord surely did work. We hated to see Brother Messer leave us because there are souls still hungry for the Lord. They came from far and near to hear the gospel. We praise the Lord for a real Holy Ghost man like Brother Messer. The Lord didn't only save sinners, He has encouraged every one of His children, praise His holy name!

Oh! I feel like I'm built on the solid rock to stand till Jesus comes. I want every one who reads this to pray that the Lord will keep blessing us young folks. We have several who would make wonderful workers for God if they would only step out and obey His calling.

I'm praising the Lord because a little over a year ago He spoke peace to my soul, saved, sanctified and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost. Please pray for me that I'll ever stand true and that I'll really let Him have His way in my soul. Praise His holy name!—A sister in Christ, Miss Mary Ellen Harris, 90 N. Prospect St.



## TESTIMONIES



### MANY THINGS TO PRAISE GOD FOR

MARKED TREE, Ark.—I am praising God this morning for His wonderful love to us. We have so many things to praise Him for. I praise Him for being saved, sanctified and baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost and for victory over sin. I praise the dear Lord for His wonderful healing power, bless His dear name! I am so glad when we get sick we can go to Him in a childlike manner believing and the work will be done.

I am glad I have been spared up to this present age of the world when the true Gospel is being preached. I am so glad for the great light on the Church of God, the Bible Church, and dear ones, surely we are living in the last days when Jesus is going to make His appearance, so let's look up, for our redemption draweth nigh. I ask all to pray for me that I may be accounted worthy to stand before Him that sitteth on the throne.—Mrs. Sallie Pierce, Box 43.

### APPRECIATES THE CHURCH OF GOD

To the readers of the Evangel and the Church of God at large, greetings in Jesus' name. I do not feel worthy of being identified with the Church of God because just a few short years ago I was her despiser and persecutor. I am a member of this great body now and here is how it happened:

At the age of sixteen I was wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. I was in high school at the time of my conversion and my greatest ambition was to finish high school and enter college to study law. Like all boys with a broad vision of the future, I looked forward with delight to the time when I would be admitted to the North Carolina bar to practice law. However, my beautiful vision and my "sky high" day dreams were crushed into utter insignificance by Holy Ghost conviction and a definite call to the ministry.

On the night of Feb. 6, 1922 in the Pentecostal Holiness Church, Scotland Neck, N. C. God for Christ's sake rolled the sin burden away and I was really and truly born again. The next night, Feb. 7, I was sanctified thru the blood of the Son of God. I lost my sinful appetite that night and oh, such peace! The next night I was baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire with the initial Bible evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. I began preaching immediately.

The next year I made arrangements to enter Bible College to prepare myself for the ministry. I gave the church I was identified with eleven faithful years of service as pastor, evangelist, secretary of Young People's Society in North Carolina with all due respect to every minister and church in the world. I was taught by

elder ministers and members of the church I was with that the Church of God was composed of people who were fanatical, selfish, etc.

Two years ago last month (March) I was invited to preach in one of the outstanding Churches of God in this state (North Carolina). I was conducting a revival in this particular city and the pastor of the Church of God and every member showed me every Christian courtesy imaginable. I noticed a decided difference in the Church of God people and other popular holiness movements. This put me to thinking, praying and studying. The more I prayed and studied about the Church of God, the more deeply became my conviction that I could enjoy a greater degree of liberty in the Church of God than any place in the world. And too, every place seemingly I turned in the Bible, the Church of God would stare at me out of the sacred pages of God's precious Book. I gave up my fight against the Church of God and became an honest diligent seeker of deeper spiritual experience and truth.

Thanks be unto God, I have found everything in the Church of God the soul needs. I was not "pulled" in the Church of God, neither had any one preached these things to me, but I prayed and studied it out by God's help and guiding hand myself. I praise God for leading me into the light of the blessed truth I am now enjoying. A short time ago I united with the Church of God in Rocky Mount, N. C. of which Rev. J. B. Hillhouse is pastor. I deeply appreciate the encouragement the good Church of God people have given me. I shall always hold Brother Hillhouse and his good wife in high esteem for the splendid, excellent, Christ-like Spirit they have shown toward me. I deeply appreciate our beloved state overseer, Brother John L. Stephens, whose words of encouragement and sound advice have helped to guide my feet into a plain path.

Perhaps, in closing this brief sketch of my experience it will be in order to say at the age of eighteen I married a very precious Spirit-filled girl who has stood by me through sunshine and shadows. The Lord has blessed us with two children, a son six years old and a daughter five years old. My little family and I are the happiest we have ever been. I have a good feeling toward every creature on the earth today. I have no other desire or intention but to give my time and talents to the ministry in the Church of God. I solicit an interest in the prayers of the Evangel family.—Eugene M. Bryant, 100 N. Washington St., Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.—Heb. 4:15.

### SURE DELIVERANCE COMES THRU FAITH

GIBSON, Mont.—Just a note of praise this morning to our dear heavenly Father for His great love to us. In the afternoon of the seventh of this month (April), my husband and I started for Big Timber, thirty miles from our home, to attend communion services and feet washing. Having been isolated from most of the saints for so long we were very anxious to attend these services. We started out in a snow storm, not thinking but what the storm at this time of the year would soon be over.

We made it fine for about fifteen miles, to the home of a dear sister who was going with us. While at her home the storm became worse but still we started out. We had no trouble to speak of for five miles. The snow began to pile up and our car refused to go. We soon realized that all hopes of reaching town in time for services were in vain. My husband walked back to the home we had just left and got this friend to bring his car and help us back to his place, which we reached about one o'clock in the morning. We went to bed there thanking God for having brought us thru safely so far.

Next morning we arose in good time and started for our home. It would take too much space to tell you of all we went thru trying to make the hills that had become so drifted. I walked in front of the car in order that my husband could be able to find the road. My clothing had frozen from wading such deep snow. Our car stopped again. This time we found we were out of gasoline. I got in the car and waited for my husband to walk to the nearest ranch home to get gasoline, also a team to help us over the hills. While sitting there praying and crying to God for deliverance, knowing if we should have to stay there over night with our clothes frozen until morning, we could not stand it. I prayed and held on to God. I found my body was growing weak as well as my faith.

I picked up the little Evangel we had not yet read and there I saw a piece written by Brother Roy G. Cockerell entitled "Sure Deliverance." How I praised God. That little sermon seemed to be just for me. As I looked up thru the tears with faith, believing that "sure deliverance" was near, and as I looked out far over the fields, I could see in the distance an object moving slowly towards the car and as it gradually grew nearer and nearer I could see it was my husband and some one else with a wagon and team. They brought a hot lunch for me as we started out that morning in such a hurry we would not take time to eat.

We are truly serving a wonderful God. Why should we fear though we are lost in a storm? The same God that delivered the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace and Daniel from the lions' den, can

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

### LESSON SEVEN

#### JESUS ASSERTS HIS KINGSHIP

TEXT: Mark 11:1-10, 15-18.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Tim. 1:17.

TIME: Sunday and Monday of Christ's last week, in April A. D. 30.

PLACE: Jerusalem and vicinity.

GOLDEN TEXT: Behold, thy King cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation.—Zech. 9:9.

LEADING THOUGHT: Christ should be the King of our thoughts and should have the first place in our hearts.



V. 1. "And when they were come nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of His disciples." St. Matt. 21:1 says, "When they drew nigh unto Jerusalem and came unto Bethphage." St. Mark mentions the three places together because Bethphage and Bethany are near together and are also close to Jerusalem. The distance from Jericho to Jerusalem was about seventeen miles, involving a journey of about seven hours. It appears from St. John 12:1 that the Lord on the preceding Sabbath had probably passed the night at Bethany and that on the following day (Palm Sunday) He came to Bethphage.

#### SENDETH FORTH TWO OF HIS DISCIPLES

From here He sent two of His disciples for the ass and the colt. His way to Jerusalem was from Bethany by Bethphage, the mount of Olives and the valley of Jehoshaphat. Bethphage literally means the "house of figs." Bethany, the "house of dates." The date palm growing in the neighborhood furnished the branches from which the multitude strewed the way on the occasion of our Lord's triumphant entry. "He sendeth forth two of His disciples." Bede thinks they were Peter and Philip. Jansenius thinks they were Peter and John because a little after this Christ sent these two to prepare for the Passover.

V. 2. "Go your way unto the village that is over against you." More likely

Bethphage, toward which they were then approaching. "As soon as ye enter into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon man never yet sat." St. Mark mentions only the colt. St. Matthew mentions the ass and the colt. Animals which had never before been used were alone used for sacred purposes. See Num. 19:2, of the heifer on which never came yoke. Jesus beheld things absent and out of sight as though they were present, so that He referred to His disciples by the gift of prophecy, that which His divinity added to His humanity. Here is a manifest presence of His divinity the same divine power by which He referred to Nathanael under the fig tree.

V. 3. "If any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither." Jesus was unwilling that the disciples should take away the colt if the owner objected. He might have taken the animal away in His own supreme right but He chose to accomplish His will by His providence—powerfully yet gently. It was the will and purpose of Christ who for these three years had gone about on foot having traveled over Palestine in this way, to show himself at length the King of Judah, that is, the Messiah and Heir of David. Accordingly He entered Jerusalem, the metropolis, the city of the great king with royal dignity. Not surrounded with pomp and circumstances as an earthly monarch but He rides upon an ass' colt that He might show His kingdom to be of another kind, that is, spiritually and heavenly. See 1 Kings 1:33; Esther 6:9, where kings are persons honored were accorded this dignity.

V. 4. "By the door without in a place where two ways met." Literally, in the open street.

V. 5. "Them that stood there said unto them, Why do ye, loosing the colt?"

V. 6. "And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded." No minister or disciple has authority to speak further than this.

V. 7. "Brought the colt to Jesus." His disciples in obedience unto Him accomplished the task assigned them. Every Christian should strive to do this regardless of surrounding circumstances. "Cast their garments on him," that is, upon the colt, providing a mat on which Jesus was to sit. "Sat upon him." Jesus here enters the customary rite accorded certain kings in Israel in Old Testament times, starting His journey from the mount of Olives on the east. Zech. 14:4. Read here Ezek. 43:2 where the future temple of Israel will be again rebuilt, into which the glory of the God of Israel will again enter. Jesus was the glory of His people Israel. Read also V. 4 where it is stated that the glory of the Lord came into the house by way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east.

V. 8. "Others cut down branches off the trees." According to best authorities, which they had cut from the fields; the small, leafy portions of them, suitable for their purpose, were carried out.

V. 9. "Hosanna" literally means, "Oh save," or succor. Here read further the ceremony of 1 Kings 1:34 where the people

cried, "God save King Solomon." This was part of the ceremony accorded Jesus and evidences that they believed Him to be their King. Perhaps originally the cry of the captives or rebels for mercy are thus a general exclamation expressive of joy and deliverance.

V. 10. "Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh." That is, the kingdom of Messiah, and about to be established. "Hosanna in the highest." That is, Hosanna in the highest realms of glory and blessedness where salvation is perfected.

V. 15. "And they came to Jerusalem." As foreshadowed in Ezek. 43:2, and He entered into the temple in the holy place known as the Holy of Holies, into which the high priest alone might enter into the temple court. Our Lord was not a levitical priest because He was not sprung from Levi and Aaron, therefore, He could not enter the holy place but only the outer court of the temple. "Cast out them that sold and bought in the temple." There were two occasions on which our Lord thus purged the temple—one, at the beginning of His public ministry and the other, four days before His death. Our Lord adopted these strong measures, first, because the temple courts were not places for merchandise; second, because these transfers were oftentimes dishonest. The priests sold oxen and sheep and doves to those who had need of them to offer in the temple. These were needed for sacrifices and was good reason why they should be ready at hand for those who came up to worship. The priests, however, sinned by permitting buying and selling within the sacred presence, and trading dishonestly. "Money-changers." Those who exchange large coins for smaller. When money had to be exchanged in allowance a premium was required by the moneychanger. "Doves." These were pigeons required for offerings chiefly by the poor who could not afford expensive ones. These were often sold by women who were provided with seats.

V. 16. "And would not suffer that any man should carry a vessel through the temple." The temple was being used as a thoroughfare for those who were passing from the sheep market, Bethesda, to the upper part of the city. The shortest cut was thru this court and by Solomon's porch.

V. 17. A house of prayer for all nations. It must be here recognized that the God of the Jews was also the God of all nations, thus the court of the Gentiles, then profaned, constituted a part of the house of prayer. St. Jerome cites Christ's action in driving out the profaners of the temple as proof of His divine power. He says, "A fiery splendor flashed from His eyes and the majesty of His deity shone in His countenance. Compare Isa. 56:7. "Den of thieves" should be rendered a "den or robbers."

V. 18. "And the scribes and chief priests \*\*\* sought how they might destroy him," not only by putting Him to death, but to utterly destroy Him by stamping out His name and influence as a great spiritual energy in the world.

## HARLAN DIST. CONVENTION

The Harlan district convention convened at Harlan, Kentucky, March 17, 18, 19 and to say it was enjoyed by all is putting it mild. Our state overseer, Brother John C. Jernigan, was in charge. On Friday night the service was opened by songs and prayer. Then came special singing by the Twila quartet and the Coxon colored quartet. This part of the service was greatly enjoyed. After this Brother Roy E. Blackwood, pastor of the Harlan church, gave the welcome address and Brother Wilder and Brother Enix responded. Then Brother Jernigan preached a wonderful sermon on the "Refuge of the Soul." He made us understand that in the midst of our trials we can always find a refuge in Jesus.

Saturday morning Brother Sam Holcomb of Cumberland, Ky., preached on "Steadfastness." He seemed to be at his best and all were encouraged to hold fast the faith. Saturday afternoon a Bible study conducted by Brother Jernigan proved to be very interesting and profitable. The subject studied was "The Rapture" and every one present was benefited by this feature. Saturday night after singing and prayers a praise service was conducted by Brother Wilder. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way and the saints were made to shout and rejoice. After this came a sermon by Brother Bates on "The Mark of the Beast."

Sunday morning Sunday School was in charge of W. E. Reynolds followed by talks on the lesson by Brother Turner and Brother Blackwood after which Brother Bates and Brother Holcomb spoke in behalf of the orphanage. This always proves to be very touching. An offering was taken for the orphanage work. Next came a wonderful sermon by Brother Jernigan on "The Kingdom of Israel." This theme was ably handled and the Lord put His approval upon it. As the quartet sang "Sing Wide Your Golden Gates" the power fell and the saints shouted and talked in tongues and all were made to feel that it surely won't be long until we can "sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom," praise the Lord!

Sunday afternoon Brother Blackwood preached on "The Ten Virgins." This was a wonderful message delivered with power. It was greatly enjoyed. Sunday night after singing and prayers a praise service was conducted by Brother Mond. The power fell and the saints shouted and rejoiced. The Lord demonstrated his power in a wonderful way. Then Brother Jernigan preached an encouraging sermon on "Sunshine in the Cloud." This service seemed to be a crowning event and a fitting close for one of the best conventions in the district for years.

In summing it all up, every one seemed to be at their best. The singing was wonderful being conducted by Brothers Blackwood, Houchell and Walker. There was plenty of special singing by the Twila quartet, ladies' quartet, trios, duets

and solos by various ones. The crowds were too large to be accommodated comfortably but all listened attentively and seemed to enjoy themselves immensely and as the people went back to their homes all were encouraged and have a new zeal to work for God and His Church. Pray for the work in Kentucky and at Harlan especially as we expect a revival soon with many souls to be born into the kingdom.—Yours in His service, Miss Hettie Ellen Payne.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

We are pleased to announce that we will be able within the next few days to fill orders for our new song book called "Crowning Church of God Songs," edited by Prof. Otis L. McCoy. This book is very suitable both for pastoral, praise and invitation songs during evangelistic campaigns. We feel it will be received with joy among our people. Price, single copy 20c, \$2.00 per dozen, \$15.00 per 100. Order of Church of God Publishing House.

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By M. S. LEMONS

A cheer to the preacher in the struggle of life,  
A herald for God and—bold;  
Although his way may have been thorny,  
May he walk on the streets of gold.

May his labor of love and message too,  
Be full of grace and power divine;  
May his deportment and his fragrant voice,  
Be most powerful and sublime.

May his glittering sword pierce the old dragon,  
And his thunder destroy his ten,  
And may his valiant look calm the foe,  
Until the angels say, "Amen."

May the sweetness of his mellow words  
Fall like dew upon the roses;  
May his holy calm and piercing eye,  
Awake many a one who supposes.

May the Almighty God of Sabboath  
Be in all of his deliberations,  
Until his voice is hushed in death  
Or he is called in translation.

May Aurora play in his Arctic skies  
When he comes to cross the mystic tide;  
And the angels strike all the harps of gold  
When he comes to the other side.

May his body rest sweetly in some sacred spot,  
While his spirit soars to worlds unknown;  
May he meet the sacred Holy Trinity  
As they sit upon the golden throne.



## REQUESTS

Dear saints, please pray for my health and happiness. Pray for my husband. We are both sinners but I know God is still on the throne and can still save and heal. He can take all troubles away and give sweet peace in our homes.—Mrs. A. M., Lane, Okla.

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Dear saints, please pray much for the revival that is now going at this place, conducted by Brother S. C. Swaggerty from East Chattanooga, Tenn. We want to see souls saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost right here, so don't pass this by without praying. This is a hard place. The force of the enemy is strong.—A sister in the service of the Lord, Mrs. B. H. Clark, Rt. 5, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

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I thank the Lord for salvation and for healing me of pneumonia when doctors failed. He has healed me and my children many times. I have found more pleasure in serving the Lord these few months than in all the rest of my life. I intend to make heaven my home. Although there be but few of us here with salvation, we are planning on building a brush arbor by the help of the Lord, and I want all the saints to pray that we may accomplish our work and souls will be saved.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Newsome, Hephzibah, Ga.

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Please pray for two women and a man at Marietta, Ga., who are in sin. They are my friends and I want them saved. I am still expecting Jesus to come or call for me.—Your sister in Christ, Mary Lynch, Rt. 1, Box 355, in care of G. D. Tapley, Smyrna, Ga.

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Dear saints of God, I was taken real sick with something like nervous indigestion and it looked like I would die, but the Lord wonderfully touched me and opened a way for us to go to Lacoochee, Fla. and help in a meeting. The Lord surely blessed our efforts. Then the devil jumped on my body again and I had to be out of the meeting a week but God gave the victory again. But I have to be so careful what I eat. Everything hurts me and at times it seems I will die. I mean to trust the Lord if I die. I have disobeyed the Lord but now I mean to obey. We have calls to go and my body isn't strong enough so I earnestly request every child of God to pray for God to completely heal my body so what I eat won't hurt me and my nerves will be strong. There also seems to be something wrong with my left side right under my heart. At times it bothers me very much. I know God can heal whatever it is. I haven't taken a dose of medicine of any kind for twenty-five years, since one year old, and I believe God is going to heal me. Everybody please pray.—A sister, Mrs. Chas. H. Shaw, Ruskin, Fla.

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I am sick and ask your prayers that I

might get healed. I have salvation.—A brother in Jesus, Virgil Hanger, Elkins, W. Va.

## SOULS COMING THRU TO GOD

PARKIN, Ark.—The church at Forchin, Ark. is looking forward for the soon coming of Jesus. Our meetings are good and upbuilding and souls are coming thru to the Lord. We have our sisters' prayer meeting on Wednesday afternoons and we just have a wonderful time with the Lord. We had the privilege of seeing two get the baptism yesterday evening. Of course when we first started our sisters' prayer meeting we were few in number but praise the Lord we held on and it is growing.

Souls are crying out for mercy. Our God is having mercy, thank the good Lord. Some said when we first came and started our sisters' meeting, "Oh, they won't do anything but sing a song or two and pray. We can do that at home." God poured out His Spirit that very day and those very ones are coming every time. Let us hold to God's unchanging hand and He will wonderfully bless.

We have lots of young people here and several have the blessing. We want to get a Y. P. E. started here. We know the young people can do a good work for we have some good workers here. Pray much for the Forchin church that we will obey God and the church which we love so well will be built up.—A sister under the blood, Minnie Duke.

## You Can Help

You can help collect coupons for the Church of God Orphanage and Children's Home. Yes, you can help without giving cash!

We are putting on a drive for 250,000 coupons to buy equipment for our Orphanage Homes. By giving us the wrappers from your Octagon Soap Products, Borden's Premium Brand Milks and Kirkman Soap Products you can help us secure the necessary equipment.

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## NOTICES

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Thursday until further notice. We have tried this for two weeks every afternoon and have been picked up by several in Kentucky and Indiana. It is useless for those more than about two hundred miles away to try to get us. Brother Hughes of Eldorado and I want to keep this broadcasting up all summer if there is enough interest to take care of the finance. Pray that God will keep us on the air.—Yours for the Gospel, M. P. Cross, Overseer of Illinois, 304 N. Madison St., Benton, Ill.

Dear readers, will some one send me the following songs: "When I Take My Vacation in Heaven" and "In That Morning." Brother I. H. Marks used to have this one. I will return postage. Thanks.—A sister in Jesus, Mrs. Ida Mixon, Foley, Fla.

The Michigan state convention will convene at Grand Ledge, May 27-30 inclusive. S. W. Latimer, General Overseer, will be present, and J. H. Walker, Bible School Superintendent, also.—Earl Paulk, Overseer, in charge.

To all the Church of God: This is to notify you that G. M. Green is no longer a minister or member of the Church of God.—T. S. Payne, Overseer of the Church of God in Tennessee.

My address has been changed from Cleveland, Tenn. to Summit Point, Utah. I would like to hear from any one living in Utah, northern Arizona, New Mexico, or western Colorado, who belongs to the Church of God.—E. L. Moore, Summit Point, Utah.

There will be an all day meeting and home coming at Mt. Zion church the first Sunday in June. Brother W. W. Harmon, state overseer, will be with us, also

Brother J. A. Brown, our district pastor. We invite all the churches close enough to come and help us. Bring your song books and musical instruments. Bring a well filled basket of good eats for the noon refreshments. Come and enjoy the day with us.—J. M. Hartline, pastor, Rt. 2, Altoona, Ala.

We have a good Sunday School at Tribby, Ky., and have good attendance. If anybody feels led to come this way, be sure to come and we will pray that God will bless you, for we need somebody to help us fight the enemy. Pray for the church here.—Mrs. Alex Smith, Tribby, Ky.

The third Sunday in May, May 21, is home coming day at Toonigh, Ga. Church of God. Service will start at 10:00 a. m. We are planning on having some good preaching, good singing and a real good time. You will miss it if you don't come. You are welcome.—V. E. Hooks, pastor.

## SPECIALS

BANNING, Ga.—A new Church of God was organized here by Brother J. F. Brown, Sunday, April 23, with nine members. We have a good church building to worship in. The revival has been going on a little over a week, with wife and I in charge. There are prospects of increasing membership before the revival closes. Remember us in your prayers.—Your brother in Christ, Ernest Feltman.

I have just closed a three weeks' revival at Konawa, Okla. Three were saved and three baptized in water. We had good attendance and good services, and there was great conviction on the people. We held the meeting in a room of a home. Some are looking toward the Church of God. Pray that we may get a place in town in a short time. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing the last night. The Lord surely did bless. We left hun-

gry souls in the altar. All pray that the Lord will have His way in my life and I may be a soul winner for Him.—Wiley E. Wright, Maud, Okla.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—One week after the dedication of the new church here we started a battle against the enemy. The revival fire began to kindle, many souls began to make their way to the altar and pray thru in the "old time way." Many have found peace with God. Sunday morning, April 23, fifteen adults united with the church, and that many more are ready too. The attendance is great. Many of our Baptist friends are falling at the altar seeking the Holy Ghost. Quartet, duet, and solo singers from other churches of the city are coming and taking part in the singing, enjoying the feasts of the Lord, and expressing that God is here of a surety. Harrison Goins is in charge of the preaching and W. W. Goins in charge of the musical program. They are the sons of the pastor. The end is not yet.—J. L. Goins, pastor.

ELDORADO, Ill.—We have recently closed another great revival in which the presence and power of God was wonderfully manifested. About forty-five were converted, twenty-three sanctified and fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Henry Barnett of Los Angeles, Cal. came here to visit some relatives during the revival and assisted us in the preaching. Brother Barnett is a cousin to Brother D. P. Barnett, and is a forceful preacher. His messages stirred the souls of the saints and brought conviction to sinners. The revival was strength to the church here and we expect its results to live on. We have a great Sunday School, a wonderful C. of G. Y. P. E., a large congregation, a brass band, and one of the best choirs you ever listened to. God is with us and by His grace we are marching on to victory. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."—J. P. Hughes, pastor.

JAMAICA.—I praise the Lord for the way He has blessed here since Sister White arrived and took the work in charge. Two have been saved and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We are praying for the Lord to have His way and send a revival in our midst. Help us pray for the Word says that the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much. Please steal away for a few moments' prayer for the church at Mt. Harmon.—Yours in Christ, E. B. Francis, clerk.

CANTON, Ga.—We still have the victory here. We have just completed our new church and had our dedication April 24. We had a wonderful time with the Lord. Several of the saints from nearby churches were with us, also our State Overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson. He did some wonderful preaching. We are looking forward to a wonderful old time re-

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vival as the people of this community are looking this way as never before. Pray for us.—Your humble brother, Jeff Dale, Holly Springs, Ga.

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We have a little church on the highway three miles from Yazoo City, Miss. We have Sunday School and prayer meeting. Brother Garry preaches for us the second and fourth Saturday nights. People here don't know anything about real salvation and I meet many trials but I knew when I started to follow Jesus I would have trials and by His grace I mean to go all the way with Him. I don't belong to the Church of God because I haven't had a chance to join since I received the Holy Ghost. Pray that my ooy will receive the Holy Ghost, also that God will give us a revival here.—A sister who needs prayer, Mrs. Josie Sharp, Yazoo City, Miss.

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LENEX, Ga.—We have had a wonderful revival here. Brother Odus Basden and Brother C. G. Coggins were in charge. Fifty-one were saved, about forty sanctified, twenty-nine filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty-three added to the church, and thirty-five baptized in water. We had communion and feet washing Sunday night and the Lord wonderfully blessed. Brother Basden is back in the Church of God and has a wonderful revival spirit. He says he is ready to hold revivals anywhere the Lord leads. His address is Tifton, Ga. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless at this place.—A sister in Christ, Rosie Crumley.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.—We thank the Lord for answering prayer. Our building has not been large enough to accommodate our crowds. The Lord sent one of the wealthiest men of the city to our service. He saw the large crowd and insisted that we make out the bill and send to him and he would furnish all material, so we are now at work making a nice annex to our building, which will enable us to accommodate over one hundred more. The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way. Last night in prayer service one was saved and two sanctified.—G. C. Hamby, pastor, 411½ Wright St.

### **SURE DELIVERANCE COMES THROUGH FAITH**

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help us, no matter where we are. Praise His name!

My great desire is to press on and be more like Him each day. I can see more plainly day by day that what we as God's children need is more faith, a faith that will not waver no matter what the trials might be. How good to know the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them. Praise the dear name of Jesus! I ask an interest in your prayers.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. W. O. Greene.

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## SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

HALF ACRE, Ala.—On the twenty-fifth night of March we had a wonderful prayer meeting. The Lord blessed so wonderfully until I wish everybody could have been there. The power fell so strong until it seemed like a touch of heaven on earth. There were only three members and eight children at service and they danced under the power of God about three hours. There were two messages given in tongues and interpreted. Every one who was there got a warning, even the children. All three of the adults sang in tongues lots. There is no doubt that we are living in the last days. Everybody watch and pray and be ready for Christ is coming soon. People need not say that these Church of God members have got preacher religion for we didn't have a holiness preacher preach from September until January and all still have salvation and had services all the time.

We have Brother J. T. Tucker now for a pastor. I believe he will help us build up the church in this place. Pray for the church to grow in grace and love of God and every member to hold out faithful to the end.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. O. B. Smith and mother.

## THERS IS ALWAYS VICTORY IN JESUS

ELECTRA, Tex.—I truly thank and praise the Lord from the depth of my heart for the way He is blessing our Y. P. E. at Electra. Last Wednesday night we gathered for our regular service and as we sang the songs of Zion the Lord began to bless. One young man who just recently received the Holy Ghost was called on to conduct the praise service and as he yielded to the Lord the Holy Ghost began to talk, the power fell and what a dance we had! Even the older folks had to join in and help us enjoy the grand feast. Praise the Lord! It is just wonderful how the Lord blesses every effort we put forth for Him.

Young people, let's not give up when trials and temptations come and the way seems dark, but just pray until our prayers go thru because there is always victory in Jesus. Some people say they feel sorry for the Church of God young people but they just don't know about the joy and peace we feel in our soul. Holy Ghost filled young people are the happiest young people in the world. Pray for our Y. P. E. that we will hold high the cross of Jesus to a lost and dying world.—Your sister in Jesus, Miss Lillie Mae Phillips.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky.—A wonderful revival is now going on in Middlesboro, Ky. We have been here a week today and 35 have been saved, 14 sanctified, 4 received the Holy Ghost and the end is not yet. There were more than forty in the altar last night. The house was crowded so that they broke the floor down. Please pray for the success of this meeting.—Yours in His name, B. H. Enix.

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